

REMARKS

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between the enzyme solution and kit thereof (Group I, claims 99-113, 118 and 119), a method for enhancing stability of an enzyme (Group II, claim 114), and methods for improving nucleic acid amplification methods (Group III, claims 115-117). In response, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I for further prosecution in this case, without traverse.

Applicant further notes that since a restriction has been imposed between the presently-elected product claims and process claims 115-117 that are already dependent thereon, the Examiner is obligated to rejoin these withdrawn process claims in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §821.04 upon a finding of allowable product claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Entry of the above amendment and an action passing this case to issue is therefore respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (415) 356-3064 or by fax at (415) 356-3099.

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